

MARCHAM PARISH COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to be held in the residents' lounge, Duffield Place, Marcham on Wednesday 14th January, 2009, at 7.30 p.m. for the transaction of the business stated below.

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A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive any declaration of Personal or Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the Agenda for this meeting. (Please refer to the notes at the end of agenda).

Members are reminded that should they have a personal interest in an item they must disclose the existence and nature of that interest to the meeting prior to the matter being debated. Where that personal interest is also a prejudicial interest then the Member must withdraw from the room in which the meeting is being held and not seek improperly to influence any decision about the matter. Council has adopted clause 12(2) of the Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils 2007 and anyone with a prejudicial interest will be permitted to address Council during the section set aside for public participation.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th December, 2008
To agree the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
4. Matters arising from the meeting held on 10th December, 2008

Letters of thanks for grants awarded

Letters of thanks have been received from: Anson Field Management committee, Abingdon Citizens Advice Bureau, South & Vale Carers Centre, Marcham Society, Duffield Place Sunshine Club, and Marcham Senior Citizens Club.

Parking of Caravans – Public Amenity Spaces

The Vale Housing Association and Vale of White Horse District Council are both looking into the siting of caravans on their respective pieces of land. The owners of the caravans have been given until the end of the month to remove them.

Oxfordshire County Council – A415 – Satellite Navigation systems – reduction of HGVs

a) Last meeting the Clerk was asked to find out which officer at the county council would monitor the actions of other county councils and their work with satellite navigation companies to eliminate HGVs from unsuitable roads. The county council has confirmed that the officer will be Paul Fermer.

b) To note comments from Paul Fermer as to the county council's current position.

Weed Spraying

Last meeting the Clerk was asked to seek the support of Cllr. I. Brown regarding weed spraying. Cllr. Brown has confirmed his support, but has pointed out that the county council's settlement will not be generous this coming year.

The Anson Trust – Parish Council's Nomination

The Anson Trust has confirmed that the Parish Council's nomination has been accepted and that Hugh Logan has been appointed Director of the Trust.

5. Public Participation

An opportunity for the public to bring parish matters to the attention of the Council.

6. Planning Applications

a) Decisions on previous applications

b) Applications dealt with prior to the meeting

MAR/15255/3 Minor alterations to fenestration to rear of house, plus addition of outbuilding to front of house.

Bracken Heath House, Wantage Road

For: Mrs. E. Osbourne

Comments: Council had no objections provided there was no breach of green belt policies or the potential for the outbuilding to be used separately from the main dwelling.

MAR/20732 Proposed two storey rear extension and front dormer window. Demolish rear conservatory

4 Parkside

For: M. Powell

Comments: Council had no objections in principle, but had not been able to view the property from the rear and was unable, therefore, to judge the impact on the adjacent property. It would have some sympathy should there be concern from the neighbours regarding the dominant impact.

MAR/5011/5 Erection of garage doors to car ports

Plots 1 and 4 CotSDale, Abingdon Road

For: Cranbourne Homes Ltd

Comments: Council could see no valid planning reason to object, but did query why the application related to only 2 of the 4 houses constructed

c) Applications for consideration at the meeting

MAR/20333/2 Erection of single storey extension to provide new guest sitting room,
home office and garage
The Clockhouse, Sheepstead Road
For: Mr and Mrs. Dunning

7. District Councillor's Report
To receive a report on District Council matters from Cllr. Ms. J. Hanna.
8. County Councillor's Report
To receive a report on County Council matters from Cllr. I. Brown.
9. Vale of White Horse District Council – Future Development in the Vale – Core Strategy Preferred Options
The Preferred Options will be published for public consultation starting 16th January for a 6 week period. The Parish Council has been invited to send 3 representatives to a special discussion group for Town and Parish Councils on Thursday 22nd January at 7.00 p.m. in Wantage Civic Hall. To consider who will represent this Council.
To note that a public exhibiton will take place from 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. in Abingdon Guildhall on 27th January and Wantage Civic Hall on 12th February. Discussion groups will take place from 7.00 p.m.
10. Grant Applications
 - a) To consider whether to accept grant applications outside of the usual November meeting. If agreed
 - b) to then consider applications from:
Victim Support
Home Start
11. Annual Parish Meeting
To consider arrangements, date of and possible speakers for the annual meeting.
12. Best Kept Garden Competition
To consider whether to run a garden competition this year and any arrangements for it.
13. Budget 2009/2010
 - a) To consider the budget for 2009/2010
 - b) To set the precept for 2009/2010
14. Correspondence
 - a) Vale of White Horse District council - Your Vale Your Future – The Vale Partnership.
A strategy for sustainable communities.
 - b) NHS Heath News – Winter 2008
 - c) Oxfordshire County Council – Pension Fund – Report and Accounts 2007/2008
 - d) Oxfordshire Rural Community Council – Review Autumn/Winter 2008
 - e) Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment – Report

- f) Vale of White Horse District Council – Local Community Flood Group in the Vale – Formation and Funding.
- g) River Thames Society – Annual Conference 2009 Sat. 21st Feb. Shiplake College, Henley. - speakers on climate change, flooding and the challenges facing the River Thames.

15. Accounts

- a) To consider payment of additional invoice – Slade Estate Services Ltd
- b) To approve accounts for payment

16. Matters raised by Members for information

17. Items for MAD News

18. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Council will take place on 11th February, 2009 in the residents' lounge at Duffield Place.

- (i) any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare personal interests as necessary as soon as practicable after his/her arrival even if the item in question has been considered.
 - (ii) it is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should also be regarded as prejudicial.
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Other Literature